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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AC through AN were cited in the two Examination Reports dated October 3, 2006. Copies of both are attached along with an English translation.

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